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Republicans fight hard for the deep South

(AFP)--Republican candidates battled hard yesterday on the eve of key deep South votes as a poll said front-runner Mitt Romney would beat Democrat President Barack Obama if elections were held today.

In a boost to Romney's campaign, a national poll by ABC News and The Washington Post on Monday for the first time gave the former Massachusetts governor the edge against Obama, hit by anger over rising gas prices.

If elections were held today, Romney would beat Obama 49 percent to 47 percent, the poll revealed, adding Obama's approval rating has plunged below 50 percent as he bids for a second term in the November vote.

Perhaps more worrying for the Obama campaign, the poll also showed rising national support for Romney's main rival Rick Santorum.

The survey suggests the president would only narrowly win against the former Pennsylvania senator, by 49 percent to 46 percent, underscoring the extent to which support for the the president

has fallen

Romney, who Monday marked his 65th birthday, is racking up the delegates towards the party's nomination. So far he has almost 40 percent of the 1,144 needed to win, with Santorum and former House speaker Newt Gingrich trailing.

Hawaii also holds caucuses on Tuesday, and Romney has sent his son, Matt, to the islands to stump for him, while Santorum's daughter, Elizabeth, was also in Hawaii -- where Obama spent much of his childhood.

Airside Safety Week 2012 begins at Reina Beatrix International Airport



Jurgen Benschop presents Omar Lambert with award of Employee of the Year

The Aruba Airport Authority (AAA) began their 7th annual Airside Safety Week activities yesterday morning by recognizing employees and companies that have set a fine example for their colleagues over the past year.

AAA Director of Operations Jurgen Benschop officially opened the week, with Eric Rasmijn, Director of Airside Safety, announcing the awards.

Ramp Supervisor Omar

Lambert was named Employee of the Year and Delta Airlines Company of the Year; Station Manager Olive Brown accepted the engraved plaque on behalf of Delta.

A special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Michael "Mike" Nicolaas, who presided as airport director from 1978 to 1999, during a career with the airport lasting over 33 years. Mr. Nicolaas, who had also served a term as President of the Airside Safety Council, is also one of the presenters

during the week of lectures and workshops with a talk titled "Airside Safety Compliance & Enforcement." He expressed that airside safety was an essential priority in running a qualified facility, "It is important for passengers to know we have and airport that meets or exceeds industry requirements. Safety is strategic when a company or country wishes to grow their air transport; you have to be ahead in safety to precipitate that growth.

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Aruban artist Rosabelle Illes shines in Bonaire





Last week young writer Rosabelle Illes visited Bonaire to introduce her new books of poems titled, "Beyond Insanity," which was published in 2005, and "Spiel di mi Alma" (2010) and her calendar of art 2012, dubbed, "Wholism."

Young Illes has performed at various cultural and artistic events in Aruba, Curacao and Holland. Last week she headed off to introduce herself to Bonaire. Her week in Bonaire began with a unique invitation to recite a poem at the private party dedicated to the new Lieutenant Governor

Bonaire, Dr. Lydia Emeren-

For that occasion Illes chose to recite the poem, "The Ladies" which speaks of justice and liberty by means of the symbols of "Lady Justice" and "Lady Liberty."

Rosabelle Illes then visited all the radio stations on the island and had extensive interviews with Mrs. Yatzuri Daal of the "Nos Revista" program at the Bonaire National TV Station.

On March 8th she concluded her week long visit at

Rosabelle Ellis (L) poses with Governor of Bonaire Dr. Lydia Emerencia

Cunucu Gurubu. Her presentation was part of the "Anochi cu Luna Yen di Poesia y Storia" which is a monthly event organized by SKAL (section di cultura arte v literature).

The multi-talented artist Crisen Schorea from Curacao was invited together with Rosabelle Illes. Both artists, Schorea and Illes truly delighted the Bonaire audience immensely with their poems, song and visual arts.

The Morning News is very proud of our local talent, and we join with Aruba to congratulate Rosabelle Illes for representing us so magnificently in Bonaire.

Airside Safety Week 2012 begins at Reina Beatrix **International Airport**

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Olive Brown accepts for Delta Airlines, company of the year



Recognizing Michael Nicolaas for Lifetime Achievement

Monday's program was dedicated in part to regulations and practical information for

self-protection of airside personnel. Other topics covered during the week will be "Avoiding Aircraft Damage/Emergency Procedures", "Ergonomics, Repetitive Motion Disorders," as well as practical topics like evacuation plans and how to fire extinguishers.

The week also keeps in mind that airside personnel need to keep fit and ends with a fun walk, which encourages camaraderie between the departments.

By Rosalie Klein



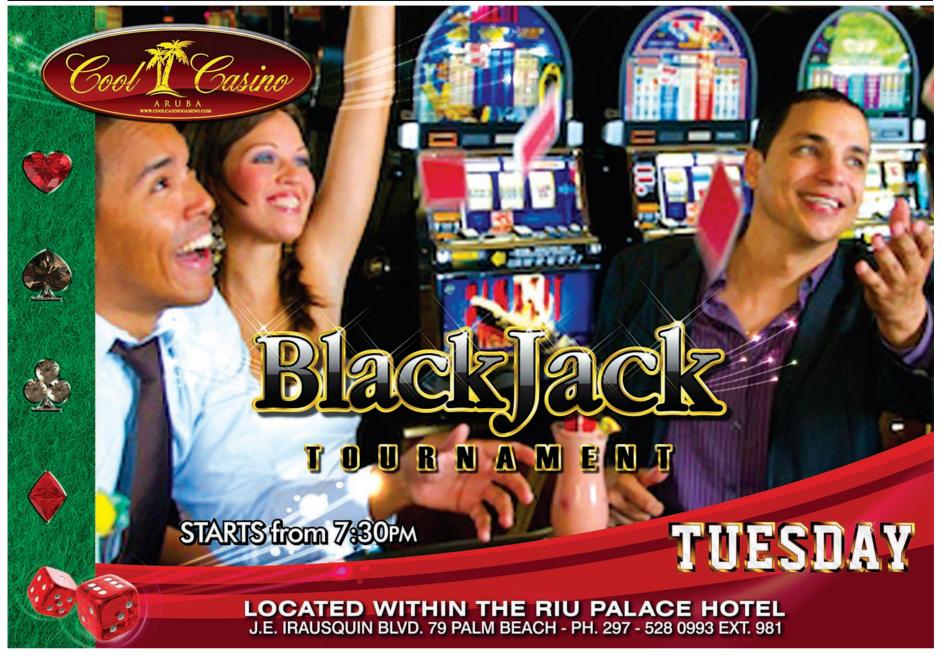
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Unique Campaign promoting Aruban Women!





The Center for the Development of Women (CEDEHM) celebrated their first anniversary on March 8th! On this day, the government of Aruba gave merited attention to this worthy organization. For the past year, the staff of the CEDEHM did a great deal of work in the delvelopment of our women on the island. Now they are gearing up to launch a very unique campaign.

Their focus now is to try and find ways to help the women of our barrios. In last women's conference they shared a great deal of information and sparked quite some inspiration in the women who attended. Now, they are ready to put some of the ideas received into practice and share the information they got in the conference to those women who could not attend.

The campaign that they are about to launch, dubbed, "Women of Aruba Are..." is an initiative of the CEDEHM which was born after investigation and analysis of the areas of attention of our women.

The primary focus of the campaign will be on discovering what are the weaknesses and strengths and

where should we continue to develop to improve the quality of life of women on Aruba.

According to Director of CEDEHM, Sandra Brown, the campign of "Women of Aruba Are..." will allow everyone to respond to the statements posed. We want everyone to personalize the essence of this campaign. During a year long drive, people were able to say something about Aruban women. The result of that drive was that only very positive commments were made of our women.

During the campaign they

will be visiting the barrios holding lectures and information sessions and working closely with the women in these barrios. According to Sandra Brown, ..."the women of Aruba are simply fabulous and incredible. We must continue to work on the strength we already have, and make this a success, and we need more men to support us, because men do play an important role in the process of development of our women."

The government also mentioned what they are doing with respect to the phenomena of teen mothers. The teen mothers' project in conjunction with White-Yellow Cross provides specific information to teens regarding becoming parents at a young age.

Sandra Brown expressed gratitude to all those who came to show their support for the campaign and for all the positive affirmations our women received. These affrnmations undoubtedly demonstarte how much our women are revered and valued. Aruban women can be sure that CEDEHM will continue to work on their behalf to help improve their quality of life.

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Rediscovering Roots: The stories of the clever spider at Cas Di Cultura

Aruba's Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad hosted a rollicking and enlightening evening dedicated to the stories of Compa (or Kompa) Nanzi, the mischievous little spider. Brought to the Caribbeanf from Ghana by the slaves, the spider could very well be interpreted as symbolic of an enslaved people, forever outwitting Shon Rey, the embodiment of their white masters.

Anansi stories originated in West Africa, which was a nature worshipping culture; then evolved according to the various locations where the Akan people were relocated. In the U.S. South they are known as Aunt Nancy stories, and in the Dutch islands the trickster came to be known as Compa or Kompa Nanzi. They also incorporated natural aspects of their new surroundings in the animals or objects that populate the stories, to which children in the different nations can relate: while highly entertaining, they almost always teach some sort of moral lesson.

The group Anansi Masters has been traveling throughout the Dutch Caribbean, staging programs and recording storytellers, stimulating a new generation to rediscover their roots and keep this enchanting cultural



Shon Rey

heritage alive.

Storytellers included Emeritia Emerencia, Millie Valles-Hermoso, Desiree Correa, Diana Antonette, Emira Rodriguez-Tromp, Maritza Petrochi-Everon, Ena Lewis, Anchi Maduro-Tromp, Eta Geerman, Eta Geerman, Astrid Gietel, Sharline Geerman-Rodriguez, Mariebelle Arends, and Jarmine Acosta. The tales were preformed in Papiamento, English and Dutch.



Solda at the home of Compa Nanzi ways the case as in "How



Compa Nanzi

The evening was punctuated with two musical presentations by Tica Giel and two skits with full cast by the Kibrahacha Theatrical Group directed by Carmen Herrera. Evander Sneek

played Compa Nanzi and Mireya Simon his wife, Shi Maria; Marion Lopez was Shon Rey, and Juani Schwengle was superlative as Solda.

The stories usually involve Compa Nanzi extricating himself from some dire situation by outwitting, on most occasions Shon Rey, or some other stronger, bullying character. However, it is not al-



Patron

Compa Nanzi got His Wis-

The evening included the "baptism" of a new book of stories, "The Adventures of Compa Nanzi," with Padrino (Patron) Mirto Lacle, one of the organizers of the evening, and Madrino, (Matron) Sharisa Hererra. The show was sold out days prior, demonstrating the extreme interest of islanders in their heritage; it proved a delight for all ages.

Saturday's program is part of an international movement spotlighting Compa Nanzi storytellers throughout the Dutch Caribbean, Africa (Ghana) and Holland, which



Emeritia Emerencia

has produced a documentary. The videos of the various storytelling sessions can also be seen on the Compa Nanzi website: http://www.anansi-masters.net "An audio visual cobweb." All the amusing tales are related in English, with video of the retelling in Dutch, English or Twi, the language of the Akan in Ghana, and the results of the Aruban production will also be posted to their site.

The evening was made possible with grants from

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By Rosalie Klein

IPhone hit Instagram heads to Android **smartphones**

(AFP) -- The makers of an Instagram photo-sharing application wildly popular on Apple gadgets are tailoring a version for smartphones powered by Android software.

Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom provided a glimpse of the Android "app" to technology trendsetters at a South By Southwest Interactive conference that wraps up on Tuesday in the Texas capitol of Austin.

The application tuned to Apple's iPhones, iPads, and iPod touch devices has been downloaded more than 27 million times since the first version of Instagram was released in late 2010 by the San Francisco startup, according to Systrom.

The free mini-program lets people give classic looks to square photos using "filters" and then share them at Twitter, Facebook or other social networks.

Apple crowned Instagram its app-of-the-year for

A version of Instagram for Android would bolster the positions of smartphones and tablets powered by Google-backed operating software as they compete with Apple in the hot mobile market.

It would also let the Mountain View, Californiabased Internet titan weave Instagram photo-sharing into its Google+ social network.

Instagram's roster of backers includes Twitter cofounder Jack Dorsey. The startup was reportedly raising \$40 million in a new round of funding that gives the young firm an estimated value of a half-billion dol-



A group of Loyal visitors honored at Marriott Surf Club"

Recently a Group Loyal visitors of Aruba were honored as Goodwill Ambassador and distinguished visitors. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest who visit Aruba for between 10 and 20 consecutive years.

The honorees Mr. Peter and Pauline Pretty resident of Oakville Canada 10 years consecutive and Mrs. Alice Allsbrook Auchmoody and Mr. Blake Paul Auchmoody



resident of Richmond Virginia 21 years consecutive. The certificate was presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba

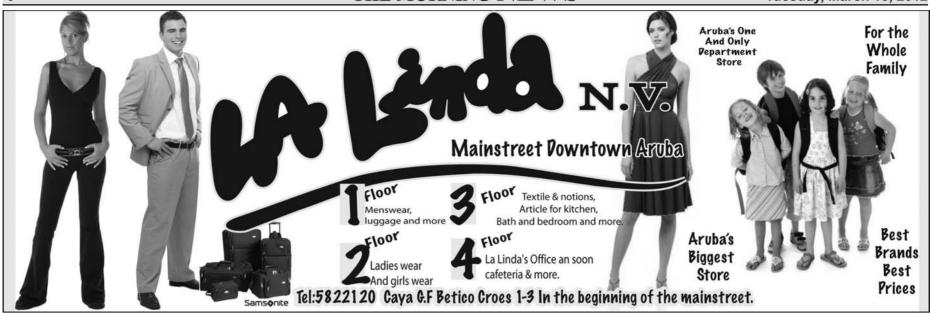


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Club Top reasons for returning provided by the honorees: the

reliable Weather, beautiful blue Ocean, the friendly Aruban Hospitality.



International News

West steps up pleas to Russia and China over Syria

UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) - The United States and European powers on Monday stepped up pleas to Russia and China to join UN Security Council action to force Syria's president halt deadly attacks on protest cities.

But Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov rejected what he called the "risky recipes" of unilateral sanctions and regime change and China said it would not accept military intervention in Syria.

Syria dominated a UN Security Council ministerial meeting on the Arab uprisings, which came a day after UN-Arab League special envoy Kofi Annan left Damascus where he met President Bashar al-Assad.

Russia and China have twice used their powers as per-

manent Security Council members to veto resolutions on Syria, saying they were unbalanced and only sought regime change.

The other permanent members -- the United States, Britain and France -- heightened their condemnation of Assad, but also urged Russia and China to agree a resolution.

France's Foreign Minister Alain Juppe appealed directly to Russia and China, while also calling on the council to order an International Criminal Court investigation into the Syria crackdown, where the UN says more than 7,500 people have died in the past year.

"After months of blocking, I appeal to China and Russia to hear the voices of the Arabs and the world conscience and join us," Juppe said.

"How cynical that, even as Assad was receiving former Secretary General Kofi Annan, the Syrian army was conducting a fresh assault on Idlib and continuing its aggression in Hama, Homs, and Rastan," US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told the meeting.

Clinton said after the meeting that she believed the Russian minister had heard "how strong the feelings are" and "that we expect all nations including Russia and China to join us now in pressing the Assad regime to silence the guns."

China said it would give \$2 million to the International Committee for the Red Cross to contribute to humanitarian aid for Syria, he said.

Imam dead in mosque arson in Belgium: police



Muslim man prays in Mosque

BRUSSELS (AFP) - A man set fire to a mosque in Brussels on Monday, killing its 47-year-old imam and injuring another person, in an arson attack that destroyed a large part of the building, police told AFP.

Police officials at the scene "confirmed it was the imam" who died when a firebomb was thrown into the Shiite mosque, police spokeswoman Marie Verbeke said.

The imam, who succumbed to the fumes in the burnt-out place of worship, was with a second person, who was lightly injured, at the time of

the attack

"A suspect was taken into custody at the scene," Verbeke added.

A witness saw the suspect, a man, set fire to the building, Verbeke said, but no other details were immediately available.

Anderlecht Mayor Vincent Van Goidsenhoven said the suspect threw a Molotov cocktail at the mosque, Belga news agency reported.

"The mosque was apparently almost entirely burned down," Verbeke said.

Belgian public broadcasters RTBF and a stream of Twitter users said that a group of at least 50 people had gathered outside the Shiite mosque.

Police said they received a call at 6:45 pm (1745 GMT) and the body was pulled out 45 minutes later.

The area around the mosque, near Belgium's main international railway hub, has a large immigrant Muslim population.

Colombian rebel pleads not guilty in US for hostage taking

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A leftist guerrilla accused of holding three Americans during their five years captivity in Colombia pleaded not guilty Monday to charges of terrorism and hostage-taking.

Beltran, 35, was brought into the federal court hand-cuffed and dressed in an orange jump suit, three days after his extradition from Colombia to face charges related to the 2003 kidnapping of Marc Gonsalves, Thomas Howes and Keith Stansell.

Beltran's lawyer John Machado entered the not guilty plea on his client's behalf, and US District Judge Royce Lamberth ordered the Colombian held without bail. His next hearing was scheduled for May 4.

Gonsalves, Howes and Stansell were captured by rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) after their single engine plane crashed in rebelcontrolled territory. Two other occupants of the plane were killed at the crash site by FARC rebels.

The Americans, who worked as contractors for the State Department, were freed in 2008 in a dramatic rescue along with former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, a dual French-Colombian national who had been in captivity for six years.

The Justice Department said Beltran was responsible for guarding and moving the hostages during a two-year period from October 2004 to October 2006 when they were held by a FARC unit that Beltran belonged to.

"Throughout the captivity of these three hostages, FARC jailors and guards, including Beltran Herrera, used choke harnesses, chains, padlocks and wires to restrain the hostages, and used force and threats to continue their detention and prevent their escape," the Justice Department said.

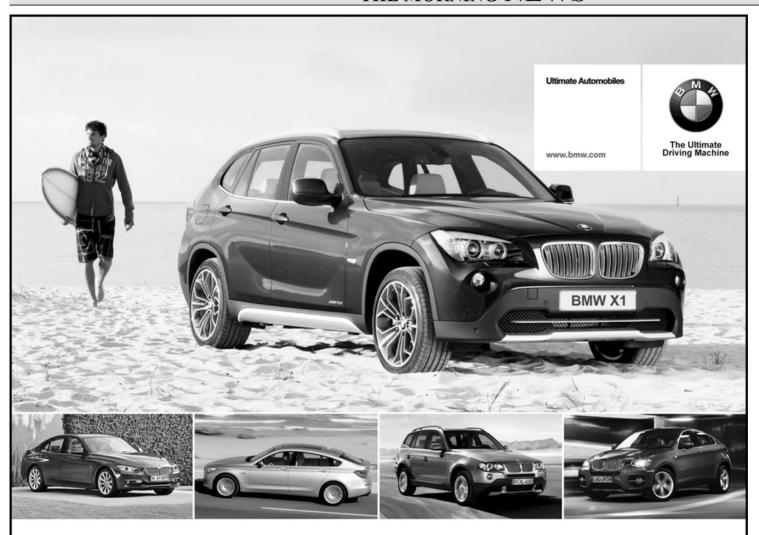
Beltran was charged with hostage taking, conspiracy to take hostages, using a firearm during a crime of violence, and conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists and a designated foreign terrorist organization

If convicted, he faces a maximum term of life in prison.

Assistant US attorney Fernando Campoamar said 17 other FARC guerrillas also have been named in the Beltran indictment, and were being sought by the Colombian government.

US military rebuffs call for Afghan trial in shooting spree

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon rejected calls Monday for an American soldier arrested in the killings of 16 Afghan civilians to be tried in public in Afghanistan, saying the US military will prosecute him. Investigations, and where warranted, the prosecutions of US service members are governed by "agreements in place with the government of Afghanistan," Pentagon spokesman George Littlesaid. He insisted the US military has "very strong means to address wrongdoing." Little's comments came after the Afghan parliament demanded a public trial before the Afghan people for the rogue American soldier's "brutal and inhuman" killings, whose victims were mostly women and children. Among the most brutal atrocities by US forces in over 10 years of war in Afghanistan, the incident brought US-Afghan relations to their lowest point and threatened US negotiations with the Afghan government on a long-term security relationship. It came amid growing public anger after Americans burned Korans last month and an earlier video that allegedly showed US Marines urinating on the corpses of Taliban militants.



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Dutch child-sex case opens against babys

teacher who has admitted molesting scores of youngsters and making child pornography opened in a Dutch court Monday after an investigation spanning two continents.

The 29-year-old Latvian citizen, identified only as "Robert M" is accused of sexually abusing a total of 67 children 200 / and 2009.

He also faces charges of producing vast amounts of child pornography including thousands of lewd pictures and video which were distributed to a network as far afield as Canada.

Even though the accused has admitted the charges,

judges, a court spokeswoman told AFP, adding that the case was expected to last for a long time.

The trial judge said that the hearing also wanted to determine whether the defendant was part of a wider paedophile

Dutch police arrested the

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The while working in nurseries Dutch law still requires prosedefendant in December 2010, trial of an ex-nursery school around Amsterdam between cutors to prove his guilt before a day before they arrested his partner, 39-year-old "Richard van O". Their arrests launched a massive police investigation, spanning both Europe and North America.

> Canadian police arrested four men suspected of being part of Robert M's network in Canada in February, Dutch media reported, while a US-

detained witness is scheduled to testify in the case, the court said in a statement.

Between 2007 and 2010, Robert M worked in nurseries in Amsterdam looking after children aged between newborn and four-years-old.

Much of the hearings, will take place behind closed doors because of the case's nature and to protect the identity of parents and children.

Women on the back foot in the Arab **Spring**

CAIRO (AFP) - They were on the front line during last year's Arab uprisings, but women now fear for their rights as Islamists reap the fruits of revolt, winning elections in Egypt and Tunisia and gaining influence in Libya.

In Tunisia, the dominant Islamist Ennahda party has said it wants to fortify the personal status code, which bans polygamy and grants Tunisian women unparalleled rights in the region, by making it a basic

Changing such a law requires two thirds of the votes in parliament.

But recent debates in the constituent assembly on the mention of sharia -- Islamic law -- in Tunisia's constitution have worried women and liberal parties who fear a decline in women's rights.

In Egypt, where Islamists dominated parliamentary and senate elections, female representation in parliament fell from 12 percent to just two percent, and a quota that gave women 64 seats was abandoned.

Kuwaiti women's rights activist Ebtehal al-Khatib said the rise of the Islamists in the aftermath of the Arab Spring revolutions will "first and foremost negatively affect the role of women" in the Arab world.

In Libya, where Islamists are on the ascendancy after the toppling of long-time dictator Moamer Kadhafi, the country's leader sparked concerns with a statement on the importance of Islamic law.

The day he declared Libya liberated, the head of the National Transitional Council Mustafa Abdel Jalil said sharia would be the main source of law and any law that violates sharia would be null, mentioning marriage and divorce laws.



Health & Living

Coke, Pepsi to drop level of 'cancer' chemical



WASHINGTON (AFP) — Coca-Cola and Pepsi said on week-end they have lowered levels of a chemical in caramel coloring to comply with a California law, but insisted the drinks pose no health risks and recipes will not change.

The move allows the companies to avoid having to label products with a cancer warning due to what the health-conscious west coast state has ruled are high levels of 4-methylimidazole, shown to cause cancer in lab rodents.

Both drinkmakers said their popular and highly secretive soda recipes will not be altered but that caramel suppliers have been asked to reduce 4-MEI levels in California, a change that will eventually spread across the United States.

"We are NOT changing our recipe; or our formula," Coca-Cola Company spokesman Ben Sheidler told AFP in an email.

For its part, PepsiCo said its beverages "are and always will be safe for consumption."

"Consumers will notice no difference in our products and have no reason at all for any health concerns. There is no scientific evidence that 4-MEI in foods and beverages is a threat to human health," it added.

California voters passed Proposition 65 in 1986, and the law aims to protect state residents from "chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, and to inform citizens about exposures to such chemicals."

A California court ruled in December 2011 that 4-MEI could be listed as a known carcinogen under Prop 65.

The state set a 29-microgram benchmark for 4-MEI in products. Anything that may expose consumers to a daily level higher than that must carry a warning label.

According to the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), a recent sampling of Coke and Pepsi drink cans in the Washington area showed levels ranging between 103 and 153 micrograms.

But beverage industry leaders, including the American Beverage Association, argued the evidence of a cancer link is limited to one study in mice and is not recognized by major US, European and Canadian health agencies.

The ABA added that a person would need to drink massive amounts of cola to reach a risk level similar to the dosing in mice -- 2,900 cans of cola

every day for 70 years -- that served as the basis for California's decision.

"The science simply does not show that 4-MEI in foods or beverages is a threat to human health," the ABA said.

"In fact, findings of regulatory agencies worldwide, including the US Food and Drug Administration, European Food Safety Authority and Health Canada, consider caramel coloring safe for use in foods and beverages."

Michael Jacobson, executive director of the CSPI consumer group, countered that argument by noting that the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which is part of the World Health Organization, last year concluded that 4-MEI was an animal carcinogen and probably a human carcinogen.

CSPI has petitioned the US Food and Drug Administration to ban ammonia-sulfite caramel coloring, which is the type used in many common products including cola, soy sauce, coffee, bread, molasses, gravy and some beers.

The chemical forms as a by-

product of a heating process to create caramelization when ammonia or ammonia sulfite is used.

Jacobson applauded the move to cut levels in California, and urged more action on a global scale.





National Anthem and Flag Day Slot Tournament

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Apple says shipment of new iPad may take 2-3 weeks



(AFP)- Apple said that shipments of its new iPad to customers who order it online may take two to three weeks but that the tablet would still be available in stores on Friday.

Apple, which has set March 16 as the launch date for all sales of the third-generation iPad, said online pre-orders of the device had been going on since March 7.

However, a notice seen Monday on the Apple website for the new iPad said: "Ships: 2-3 weeks."

Apple last Wednesday unveiled the third-generation iPad, enhanced with features aimed at keeping it on top of the booming tablet computer market.

The new iPad boasts a more powerful processor, eye-grabbing resolution on par with that of an iPhone 4S, and the ability to connect to the latest 4G LTE telecom networks that move data

faster than their predecessors.

It is due to be released simultaneously in 10 countries and territories: the United States, France, Canada, Australia, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong.

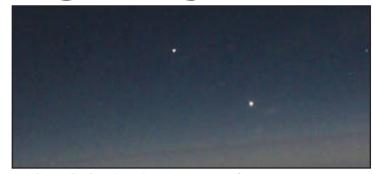
An iPad with 16 gigabytes of memory and with both WiFi and 4G connectivity will cost \$629 in the United States while a 32GB Wi-Fi/4G model will cost \$729 and a 64GB version with WiFi and 4G will cost \$829.

In a bid to cater to budgetminded shoppers, Apple will sell a 16GB version of the iPad 2 at a trimmed price of \$399

The new iPad screen was billed as the best display ever on a mobile device. The tablet also features a five-megapixel camera and high-definition video recording.

Sci-Tech

Venus, Jupiter in night sky dance



WASHINGTON (AFP) - An unusual opportunity to see two of the brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, appear to be right next to each other in the night sky is peaking in the next two days, astronomers said.

On a clear night from March 12-14, skywatchers may extend an arm and see the two planets look as though they are a couple fingers' width apart, or about three degrees, even though they are actually quite far from one another in space.

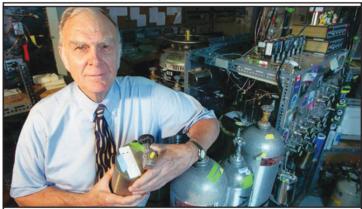
The brighter of the pair will be Venus because it gets light from the Sun that is twice as bright as Earth gets and 50 times more intense than the sunlight that shines on Jupiter, according to Sky & Telescope magazine.

Venus is also seven times closer to Earth than Jupiter, which is the bigger of the two and may appear to be about twice the size of Venus.

After the 14 of March, Jupiter will drop lower until it is eventually invisible after sunset by mid-April.

The moon enters the picture on March 25 and 26, with its thin crescent shape appearing to nearly kiss Jupiter the first night, particularly in North America, and Venus the second.

Live shots of the planets in the night sky are being captured by the Slooh telecope project and aired on http://events.slooh.com.



F. Sherwood Rowland, the Nobel prize-winning (1995) chemist who sounded the alarm on the thinning of the Earth's ozone layer and crusaded against the use of manmade chemicals that were harming earth's atmospheric blanket died at the age of 84.He discovered—two decades before that—that chlorofluorocarbons, used in products like spray cans, were making a huge hole in the earth's atmosphere, which blocks humans from harmful ultraviolet rays. Rowland died from complications of Parkinson's disease Saturday at his home in Corona del Mar, Calif.



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Finance

US, banks seal \$25bn mortgage settlement

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government and five big banks sealed a \$25 billion deal Monday aimed at addressing widespread mortgage abuses and getting the depressed housing market restarted.

The Justice Department said the deal, first announced last month, to force banks to ease terms for troubled home-loan borrowers and compensate those who suffered administrative abuse in foreclosures, had been finalized via court filings.

The judgment requires the five banks -- Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citibank and Ally Financial -- to commit \$20 billion to various forms of relief for homeloan borrowers, including writedowns of principal, refi-

nancings, and other assistance for homeowners unable to fully service their mortgages.

They also have to pay a group of 49 states \$5 billion in penalties and contributions to a fund to provide cash payments to former borrowers whose homes were seized unfairly between 2008 and 2011, the worst years of the housing crisis.

The payout for Bank of America, which took over Countrywide, the giant mortgage servicer blamed for widespread abuses, is \$11.8 billion. The hit to Wells Fargo is \$5.4 billion; to JPMorgan Chase \$5.3 billion, to Citigroup \$2.2 billion; and Ally, \$310 million.

The Department of Justice said the court filings also set

new standards for the banks that "will prevent foreclosure abuses of the past, such as robo-signing, improper documentation and lost paperwork, and create new consumer protections."

Analysts said that the size of the settlement is a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of billions of dollars in homeowners' lost equity in the crash, but that it would help the banks get past some of their legal troubles.

But the Justice Department said the new agreement does not protect the banks from criminal charges related to the same issues addressed in the civil case filed by the states and federal government.

Oil prices fall as China data sparks fresh demand worries

LONDON (AFP) - World oil prices dropped on Monday as investors fretted over the strength of worldwide energy demand following weak Chinese economic data.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate crude for delivery in April, shed \$1.06 to \$106.34 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for April was down 65 cents at \$125.33 in late afternoon deals.

"Crude oil fell sharply... Traders were reacting to news over the weekend that China had recorded its largest trade deficit in more than ten years," said GFT analyst David Morrison

Concerns over China's energy demand were stoked after customs data released Saturday showed the economy swung to a trade deficit of \$31.48 billion in February.

The deficit -- which is the largest for at least 12 years -- comes as demand continues to falter in China's key US and

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European export markets.

The data follow figures on Friday which showed that China's inflation rate slowed sharply in February and factory output growth also slipped.

China's weak figures outweighed bullish data showing that its monthly crude oil imports reached a record monthly high in February and US figures showing a further surge in jobs growth in the world's leading economy, analysts said.

It imported 23.64 million tonnes of crude oil last month, equivalent to 5.98 million barrels a day.

China is the world's biggest energy consumer, while the United States is the largest consumer of crude oil.

Oil prices also sank on Monday as investors opted to cash in their recent gains and took their cue from the firmer dollar, which makes raw materials such as oil more expen-

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The market advanced last week by an upbeat US non-farm payrolls report and after Greece clinched a vital debt-swap deal with private creditors to avert bankruptcy.

US stocks mixed ahead of Fed, EU meetings

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks close flat Monday ahead of a Federal Reserve policy board meeting that analysts hope will provide a better picture of the US economy's direction.

At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average had gained 37.69 points (0.29 percent) to 12,959.71.

The broad-based S&P 500 lost 0.22 points (0.02 percent) to 1,371.09, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite fell 4.68 points (0.19 percent) to 2,983.66.

With few headlines to guide trade, investors were also awaiting the results of a meeting late Monday of European Union finance ministers expected to focus on the bailouts of Greece and Spain.



WTO rules on Boeing subsidies; both EU,US declare victory

GENEVA (AFP) - The World Trade Organization's appeal body handed down a final ruling on Monday that found that subsidies and tax breaks to US planemaker Boeing caused serious prejudice to its European rival Airbus.

The WTO appeals panel reversed a number of findings from the initial ruling last March, saying that tax breaks provided to Boeing from the US state of Washington and the city of Wichita, Kansas magnified other subsidies and caused price effects that caused lost sales.

The US has six months to comply with the ruling.

Even before the publication of the WTO ruling, both the European Union and United States claimed victory in the dispute.

The EU had launched the complaint, claiming the United States gave Boeing billions of dollars in illegal subsidies after Washington had disputed EU aid to European aircraft manufacturer Airbus.

In a ruling on March 31, 2011, the WTO partly upheld the EU complaint, but it was appealed.

The European Commission on Monday welcomed the WTO final ruling, saying it confirmed that billions of dollars in US subsidies to Boeing were illegal under WTO rules.

The United States took the

opposite stand, saying the WTO decision confirmed that Europe's unfair trade subsidies to aircraft maker Airbus have dwarfed US aid to Boeing.

The US highlighted that the WTO had found last May in a separate case that the European Union gave Airbus \$18 billion (13.7 billion euros) in subsidised funding that resulted in lost market share and sales for Boeing.

The European Commission said the WTO appeal ruling found that Boeing received between \$5 and \$6 billion of illegal subsidies between 1989 and 2006, and was estimated to have received another \$3.1 billion since.

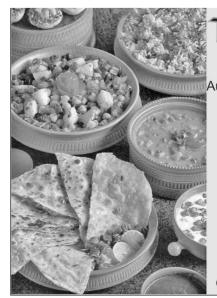
Airbus said the WTO ruling found the effects of the illegal funding were much larger.

Top level talks might be the only way to end the seven year state-aid dispute between aerospace groups Boeing and Airbus, an EU diplomat said last month after the WTO sent its ruling to companies.

The WTO appeals panel also recognised that the ruling may not end the dispute.

"We realise that, after more than five years of panel proceedings and eleven months of appellate review, a number of issues remain unresolved in this dispute," said the finding.

"Some may consider this not an entirely satisfactory outcome."



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Pantene Model Search is on-and keeping it real



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Pantene, known around the world for quality hair care products, inaugurated their first local model search on Saturday, March 10 at Aruba's Cas di Cultura. As their new campaign is about real Caribbean women and their real hair care needs, it was quite appropriate the initial auditions were conducted alongside the art exhibition "Still I Rise," which opened on International Women's Day 2012.

Pantene is conducting the around campaign the Caribbean, on several islands. The purpose is to introduce native women to the five different categories in which they address particular hair types: Colored, Medium-Thick and Relaxed-Natural.

"Aruba is all about diversity, and we are seeking five different models that exemplify that concept," explained Marketing Assistand Melissa Lazo, who was ably assisted during the hectic day of auditions by Zulaika Rozenberg and Cheryl Coronel.

Scores of women, all hair colors, types and ages, from teenage to mature, are being considered as Pantene girls. They were photographed by respected local fashion and portrait photographer Angelo Trimon, and if selected with have an extensive shoot with him. The winners will also receive a basket of Pantene products and 1,000 florins cash, along with the opportunity to see there faces plastered all over Aruba and in local magazines.

"I think it is a great idea," commented one hopeful candidate, "using women that we islanders can truly identify with in regards to understanding and caring for our kind of hair, not someone that I could never relate to. I hope I get

Daughter to follow Whitney Houston into showbiz



Host Oprah Winfrey, left, embraces Bobbi Kristina, daughter of the late singer Whitney Houston during an interview in Atlanta, Ga., in this image from video released by

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Whitney Houston's daughter said Sunday she plans to follow her mother into show business, while the drug-troubled star's sister-in-law admitted her untimely death could

have been predicted.
In her first interview since Houston's death last month aged 48, Bobbi Kristina --Houston's daughter from her stormy relationship with singer Bobby Brown -- also said she still hears her late mother's voice.

"I feel her passing through me all the time," she told TV talk show host Oprah Winfrey. "Lights turn on and off and I'm like, 'Mom, what are you doing?' I can still laugh with her and still talk to her.'

Asked if she will follow her mother into show business, the teenager said: "I have to carry on the legacy ... We're gonna do the singing thing. Some acting, some dancing.

"It's a lot of pressure, but she prepared me for it," she added.

The late star's sister-in-law Patricia Houston meanwhile said it had been possible to forecast that drugs would claim the singer's life. "The handwriting was kind of on the wall. I would be kidding myself to say otherwise."

Houston was found dead on February 11 in a hotel room bath tub, aged 48, a day before the Grammys and hours ahead of a glittering pre-Grammy party in the Beverly Hills hotel where she

The singer of hits including

"I Will Always Love You" sold over 170 million records during a nearly three-decade career, but fought a long battle against substance abuse while trying to keep her performing

talent alive. Speculation has raged since

her death that the singer may have succumbed to a lethal cocktail of prescription drugs and alcohol, though official results from her autopsy were not expected for several weeks after her death.

As Sunday marked a month exactly since she died, the results could in theory come within days.

Her daughter said her mother remains with her. "She literally is an angel. I saw her hurt. I saw her crv. We held each other through that," she said, when asked what she wanted people to know about her mother.

She insisted: "They don't know who she was. Everything people are saying about her -- all that negativity, it's garbage. That's not my mother. ... In reality, I know who she was. Her family knows who she was."



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Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

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first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgersthe way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of jalapeño peppers, bacon, stop by and enjoy their aucheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at is not unusual for the owners absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batterdipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as

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SPORTS

Tennis: Federer, Nadal advance as flu hits Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS (AFP) - Former winners Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal breezed through with straight-set wins Sunday as a flu bug wreaked havoc on the men's and women's draws at the Indian Wells tournament.

Wimbledon Reigning champion and WTA Player of the Year Petra Kvitova was knocked out early when 19year-old American Christina McHale fought back to beat the Czech in three sets.

But the biggest problem eating into the draw Sunday was a stomach virus that has forced at least eight players to withdraw or retire within the last two days, including men's 14th seed Gael Monfils and women's ninth seed Vera Zvonareva.

Third seed Federer defeated wild card Denis Kudla 6-4, 6-1 in a second round night match on centre court.

The Swiss master said he was also feeling a bit sick, but not as bad as his family members and not enough to be thrown off his game.

Federer hammered eight aces and won 79 percent of his first serve points in the 57 minute contest.

Federer, who won Indian Wells three straight years from 2004-2006, advances to the third round where he will face hard-serving Canadian Milos Raonic, who beat Carlos Berlocq in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

It will be the first career meeting between the former world number one Federer and Raonic who has already won two singles titles on the tour this year.

Nadal, a two-time Indian Wells champ, routed Leonardo Mayer 6-1, 6-3.

It marked the Spaniard's first match since losing to world number one Novak Djokovic in a monumental five hour, 53 minute final at the Australian Open.

"It's fantastic. I am happy to start with a victory," the world number two said.

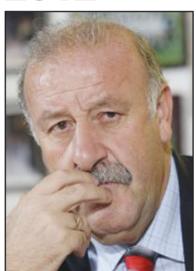
Nadal advanced to the third round, where he will face fellow Spaniard Marcel Granollers, who beat Tommy Haas of Germany 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

The left-handed Nadal hit one ace, posted two double faults and won four of six break point chances.

Ninth seed Juan Martin del Potro defeated Australia's Marinko Matosevic 7-5, 6-2 in their second round match.

Sixth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga advanced to the third round when Michael Llodra pulled out of their all-French clash with a knee injury. Tsonga was ahead 4-1 in the first set when Llodra packed it

Football: Del Bosque tips Holland and Germany for Euro 2012



BERLIN (AFP) - Vicente Del Bosque believes the Netherlands and Germany will be Spain's biggest rivals when they defend their European Championship title this summer.

Asked in an interview with German magazine Kicker to name the Euro 2012 favourites, the Spain coach said: "After what they showed at the World Cup and since then it will above all be the teams from the Netherlands and Germany."

"Behind there are four teams who can win," he continued, citing Portgual who have "one of the best players in the world (Cristiano Ronaldo) and a solid team."

Del Bosque believes former champions France have a "renewed squad" while England and Italy can also be considered in the running.

Concerning his own side, file photo of Vicente del Bosque the defending European and world champions, he added:

> "The entire team know that as the reigning European champions the heavy weight of responsibility lies on our shoulders.

> "But everyone in the team wants to defend our current position in world football even if this task looks tricky."

> The tournament co-hosted by Ukraine and Poland runs from June 8 to July 1.

Golf: Rose wins WGC at Doral... continued from page 16

McIlroy was among the many who immediately wondered if Woods's participation in the Masters April 5-8 is in jeop-

Rose, who started the day sharing second with Keegan Bradley three strokes back, gained ground with two birdies in his first four holes as

Watson failed to find a fairway on the front nine.

Back-to-back birdies at 11 and 12 gave him a chance to salvage the round, but a bogey at 13 set him back again.

Watson wasn't the only player struggling. PGA Champion Bradley launched his grabbed a share of the lead with a birdie at the fifth. He claimed a two-shot lead with a birdie at the seventh before bogeys at the next two par-fives, the eighth and 10th.

He surrendered four shots over the last four holes, capping his round with a doublebogey at 18. He posted a 75 to land in a tie for eighth on 277.

Rose, meanwhile, kept plugging away, picking up birdies at the 10th and 14th and even his bogey at the final hole proved insufficient opening for Watson.

"It was all about controlling what I could control," Rose said. "I kind of knew I got into the lead -- it's hard to ignore it out there. And from there, I knew it was just a matter of closing it out."



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Basketball: Obama, Cameron to watch March Madness begin

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron are set to watch a first-round game today of the US collegiate national championship tournament known as "March Madness".

Obama and Cameron will be in Dayton, Ohio, where they will watch the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers, the only team in the event with a losing record at 15-18, face Mississippi Valley State's Delta Devils, who went 21-12.

Both teams won conference tournaments but are regarded as the weakest teams in the 68school event. The winner advances to a Thursday matchup against the tournament's top overall seed, the University of Kentucky Wildcats, 32-2.

Obama is an avid basketball supporter and he has traditionally filled out a tournament bracket just as thousands of Americans do every year, hopeful his selections will mirror the eventual outcomes all the way to the April 2 final.

Cameron will have a taste of basketball before the world's best players converge on England later this year for the London Olympics, featur-



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They will watch in Ohio, a state that figures to be a pivotal political battleground in next November's US election, when Obama will run for reelection against an opponent from the rival Republican

Western Kentucky coach Ray Harper hopes that his players pay no attention to Obama or Cameron as they try to begin a fairy-tale run through the event.

"I hope they don't notice those two," Harper said. "I hope they notice those five guys in the other jersey, because they're the ones that are going to score all the buckets.

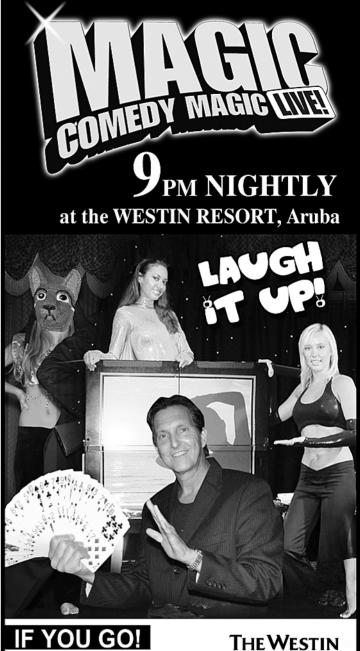
"I think anyone in the crowd, when they leave tomorrow (Tuesday) night, they will say that team is tough and they compete."

playmaker Hilltoppers Kahlil McDonald expects no more nervous energy at the start than usual even with Obama in the crowd.

"Once you step on the court, and you get that first up and down, it goes away, really. It's just butterflies," he said. "Once it goes away, it's game time."



President of Bolivia Evo Morales (L) poses with former Austrian International player Hans Krankl during a friendly football game with Austrian All Star team on March 12, 2012 in Vienna.



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American football: Trustees say Paterno fired for inaction

STATE COLLEGE, (AFP) -Penn State University trustees said Monday they fired legendary gridiron coach Joe Pafor "failure leadership" after child sex accusations against an assistant.

The statement from the school's board of trustees comes after months of criticism for the panel since they fired Paterno, the winningest American football coach in US college history and who died of lung cancer in Janu-

Paterno had been criticized for not taking greater action when being told by a witness that former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky had been molesting a 10-year-old boy in a locker room shower.

Paterno reported the incident to university authorities, fulfilling legal requirements, but his lack of following up on the matter was what led to his dismissal, the trustees said.

"We determined that his decision to do his minimum legal duty and not to do more to follow up constituted a failure of leadership by coach Paterno," the trustees wrote.

The statement came in the wake of continued alumni and student criticism for the trustees over their actions in firing Paterno.

Sandusky faces 52 charges of child sex abuse involving 10 boys. Sandusky has denied the charges and his trial is set to begin on May 14.

Trustees also apologized for firing Paterno in a latenight telephone call just days before he was set to guide the Nittany Lions gridiron squad against Nebraska.

"We saw no better alternative," the trustees wrote. "Because coach Paterno's home was surrounded by media representatives, photographers and others, we did not believe there was a dignified, private and secure way to send board representatives to meet with him there.

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The trustees said they intended to apologize for how they were delivering the news but Paterno ended the call before that happened. They explained not waiting until the following morning by saying they feared leaks of the news.

Brazil football boss resigns amid corruption probe



(FILE) Ricardo Teixeira, president of the Brazilian Football Confederation.

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AFP) - Ricardo Teixeira, the powerful boss of the Brazilian Football Confederation, resigned Monday following a spate of corruption allegations and also stepped down as head of the country's organizing panel for the 2014 World Cup.

CBF's acting president Jose Maria Marin made the announcement to reporters at a press conference at the confederation's headquarters in Rio

Teixeira, who last week was granted medical leave, said in a letter read out by Marin: "Today, I am definitively relinquishing the presidency of the CBF."

Teixeira, who had been CBF chief since 1989 and revamped the body after it struggled financially, has faced accusations that he took millions of dollars worth of bribes in the 1990s from the Switzerland-based ISL sports marketing company that later went bankrupt.

He was also accused of diverting public funds from a friendly match played by Brazil in 2008.

The 64-year-old Teixeira, whose term was to expire in 2015, has always maintained his innocence.

During his tenure, Brazil won the 1994 and 2002 World Cups, and the confederation became one of the most valuable in the world.

In his letter, Teixeira said Marin, at 79 the CBF's oldest vice president and the interim chief since Thursday, would succeed him.

Marin said there would be no change, promising "continuity in a management respected the world over."

And he added that he would join former Brazilian stars Ronaldo and Bebeto on the board of directors of Brazil's World Cup national organizing committee.

"Today we can celebrate," said Brazil's former striker and 1994 World Cup winner Romario, now a lawmaker and a

frequent critic of organizational progress for the World Cup.

"We are extirpating a cancer from Brazilian football," he said in a reaction on his Facebook page in which he also called for a "thorough cleanup at the CBF."

"It's a victory for the Brazilian people. It's a clear victory for the government of (President) Dilma Rousseff who made clear since she took office that she would not work with him. We can now look forward to a more transparent World Cup," said sports analyst Juca Kfouri, who has for years tracked Teixeira's career.

Brazilian Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo meanwhile said the government "would continue to work in harmony on the common tasks needed to ensure the success" of the World Cup.

Teixeira's stewardship has been filled with controversy, and there have been repeated calls for his resignation amid allegations of irregularities in Brazil and abroad.

The accusations against him however buried his dream of succeeding Sepp Blatter as head of FIFA, the world's football governing body, after the 2014 World Cup.

Teixeira secured the CBF leadership thanks to his ex-father-in-law Joao Havelange, who was FIFA boss from 1974 to 1998.

In 2010, the BBC alleged that Teixeira had taken bribes in the 1990s regarding the awarding of contracts for the sale of television rights to the football World Cup.

Last year, authorities launched a probe into possible money laundering by Teixeira through the CBF.

And the daily Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper recently reported that prosecutors allegedly found evidence linking him and a company that organized a friendly between Brazil and Portugal in 2008 in Brasilia. The company is being probed for irregularities in organizing the match.



Golf: Rose wins WGC at Doral, Woods withdraws



Justin Rose of England holds the Gene Sarazen Cup awarded to the winner with Don Butler the VP Marketing for Cadillac.

MIAMI (AFP) - Justin Rose won the Cadillac Championship on Sunday, his two-under par 70 enough to overtake Bubba Watson, whose erratic effort added to the drama of a day that saw Tiger Woods withdraw injured.

Rose captured his 10th global title and his first in an elite World Golf Championships event.

His two-under round included four birdies and two bogeys and gave him a 16-under total of 272.

"I've been very focused on seeing this whole Florida Swing as like a body of work, and not really trying to put too much focus on any individual tournament," Rose said. "I kind of knew I was playing well, and if I just kept out of my own way for the most part and kept thinking well and doing the right things, I had a feeling something good might happen.

"For this little beauty to show up on my mantle place so early in the season -- definitely a fantastic feeling. It sets up a very exciting year."

Before Rose could hold up the trophy, however, he had to wait out Watson, who started the day with a three-shot lead but was three-over on the front nine.

Watson still had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie at the 72nd hole and he fired out of the rough to inside 10 feet - but didn't make the putt.

He finished with a 74 for 273, one shot in front of Rory McIlroy.

Northern Ireland's McIlroy, playing his first tournament since gaining the word No. 1 ranking, started the day eight shots off the pace.

But he briefly pulled within one shot of the lead thanks to a round that included holing out for an eagle from a bunker at the 12th, finishing with a 67 for 274.

Meanwhile, Woods caused a sensation when he called it a day moments after hitting his tee shot on 12 because of tightness in his left Achilles tendon.

Woods injured the same tendon at the Masters last year and was sidelined long enough to miss both the US and British Opens.

Woods, who was three-over for the day when he headed for the car park, said via a statement later that he planned to have the injury evaluated later this week.

"It's a shame because he looked like he was coming out this year, swinging it really well, playing good, getting himself into contention," said McIlroy, who held off Woods to win the Honda Classic last week despite the 14-time major champion's final-round 62.

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